

**FY 2018 PRESS CONFERENCE & HEARINGS
TSCA SECTION 6 PAINT REMOVERS PROPOSED RULE**

ISSUE/TOPIC: In January 2017, EPA proposed to prohibit or restrict the use of methylene chloride (MC) and N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) for use in commercial and consumer paint and coating removal, due to unreasonable risks from these uses. Members of Congress and stakeholders requested extensions for the comment period and further consideration of impacts to small businesses. MC and NMP were selected among the initial 10 chemicals for Risk Evaluation under the amended Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Stakeholders have suggested that EPA include paint and coating removal in the Risk Review rather than addressing the risks from these uses separately.

BACKGROUND:

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

TALKING POINTS:

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